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SUBJECT: NPT RATIFICATION: CDU VIEWS

REF: A) BONN 16325 B) BONN 15892

1. CDU DEPUTY BIRRENBACH, CO-RAPPORTEUR FOR CDU/CSU  
ON NPT, CONTACTED EMBOFF NOVEMBER 13 TO COMMENT ON  
NOVEMBER 8 BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON RATIFICATION OF NPT AND  
EURATOM/IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. BIRRENBACH SAID  
HE HAD DONE HIS BEST TO STEER ACCEPTABLE COURSE BETWEEN  
EXIGENCIES OF HIS CDU/CSU PARTY COALITION AND INTERESTS  
OF ALLIANCE AND KEY US PARTNER. BIRRENBACH SAID HE  
WOULD DO WHAT WAS POSSIBLE IN EFFORT TO MOVE  
CDU/CSU TOWARD SUPPORT OF NPT RATIFICATION "WITHOUT  
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CAUSING DIFFICULTIES FOR USG". HE WISHED US TO KNOW

THAT HE HAD BEEN CAREFUL BOTH WITHIN HIS PARTY CAUCUS AND DURING THE BUNDESTAG DEBATE TO AVOID ANY INDICATION OF DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY ON NPT ISSUE.

2. BIRRENBACH SAID HE HOPED "INTERPRETIVE DECLARATION" COULD BE FASHIONED IN A WAY SO VAGUE AS TO AVOID APPARENT CONTRADICTION WITH AMERICAN INTERPRETATIONS. HE EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN AN EARLIER ITALIAN FORMULATION ON THE QUESTION; (WE WILL SEEK TO CHECK OUT MORE PRECISELY WHICH FORMULA HE MEANS AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD ELUCIDATE ON ITALIAN FORMULATION). BIRRENBACH SAID NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN ON FORM OF DECLARATION, BUT HE INDICATED INTERPRETATION WOULD HAVE TO BE JOINT ONE FROM THE BUNDESTAG AND WOULD HAVE TO BE CONVEYED THROUGH SOME AS YET UNDEFINED CHANNELS "TO INTERESTED PARTIES". AS TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION CONCERNING "INTER-MEDIARY STEPS" MENTIONED IN THE BUNDESTAG (REF A, PARA 10), BIRRENBACH SAID HE HOPED TO LEAVE THIS POINT AS UNCLEAR AS POSSIBLE BUT, GIVEN DEMANDS WITHIN OPPOSITION, SOME TYPE OF COMPROMISE WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND.

3. BIRRENBACH CLOSED BY SAYING RATIFICATION PROCESS WAS LIKELY TO LAST "A FEW MONTHS--INTO NEXT YEAR". HE SAID HE WOULD STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY. HILLENBRAND

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